

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project  
Advisory Groups and Interested Parties

FROM: John Pandiani  
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DATE: October 30, 1998

RE: Age of Children Served

The attached graphs and tables provide an overview of changes in the age groups served by Children's Services Programs in Vermont over the past eight years. Between 1990 and 1998, the number of children and adolescents served by outpatient community mental health programs more than doubled, but this growth was not evenly distributed among age groups. The number of younger children (eight years of age and under) increased by less than 50% and the proportional representation of this age group decreased substantially. The number of older adolescents (sixteen to twenty years of age) increased by almost 250% during this same time period.

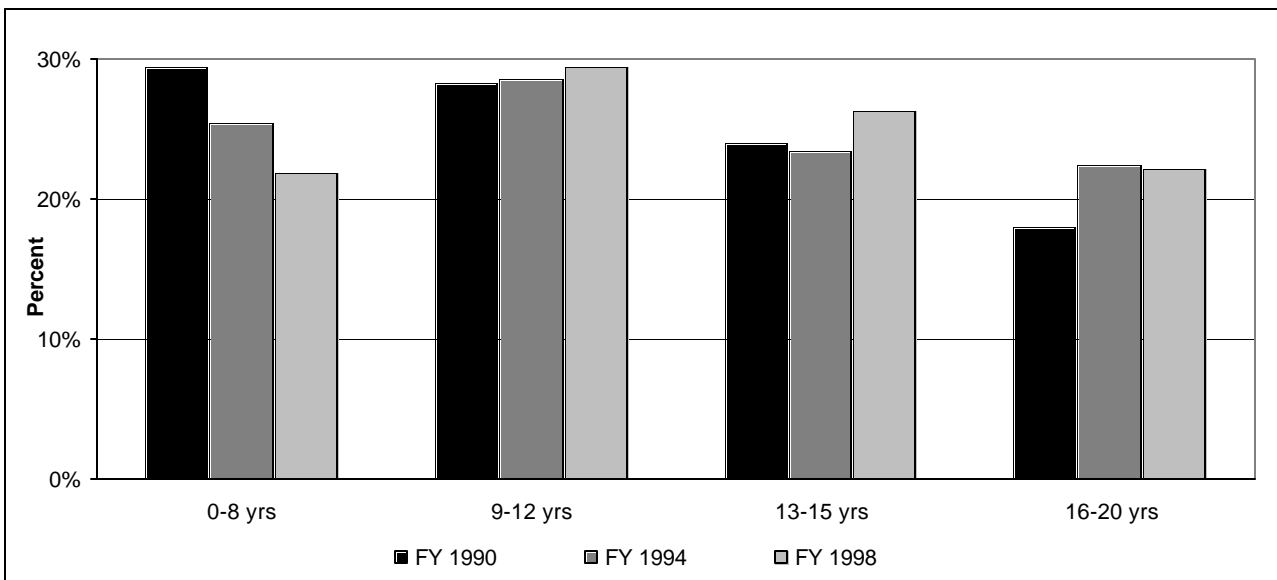
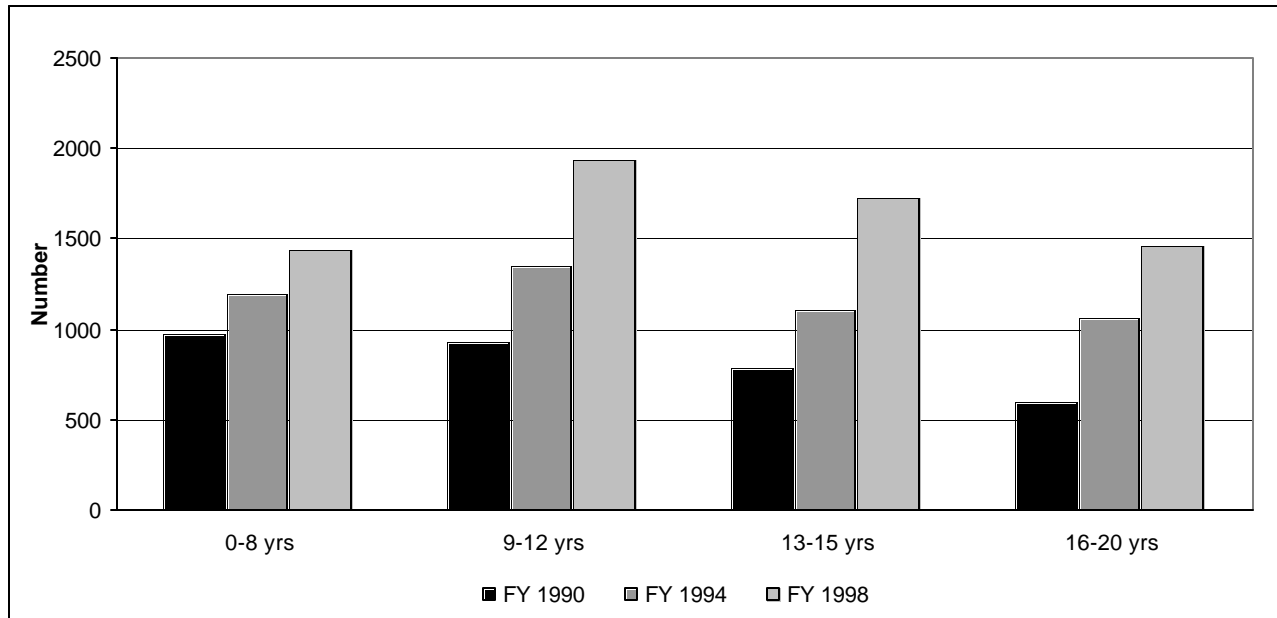
In 1998, outpatient children's services programs in Washington County and UCS in Bennington had the greatest representation of adolescents in our older age group (about 30% each).

We will be interested in your comments about causes and consequences of this change in the population of children and adolescents being served by community mental health centers in Vermont. Please e-mail your comments to [pip@ddmhs.state.vt.us](mailto:pip@ddmhs.state.vt.us), or give one of us a call (802-241-2638 for John, or ...2659 for Lucille).

JAP/psm

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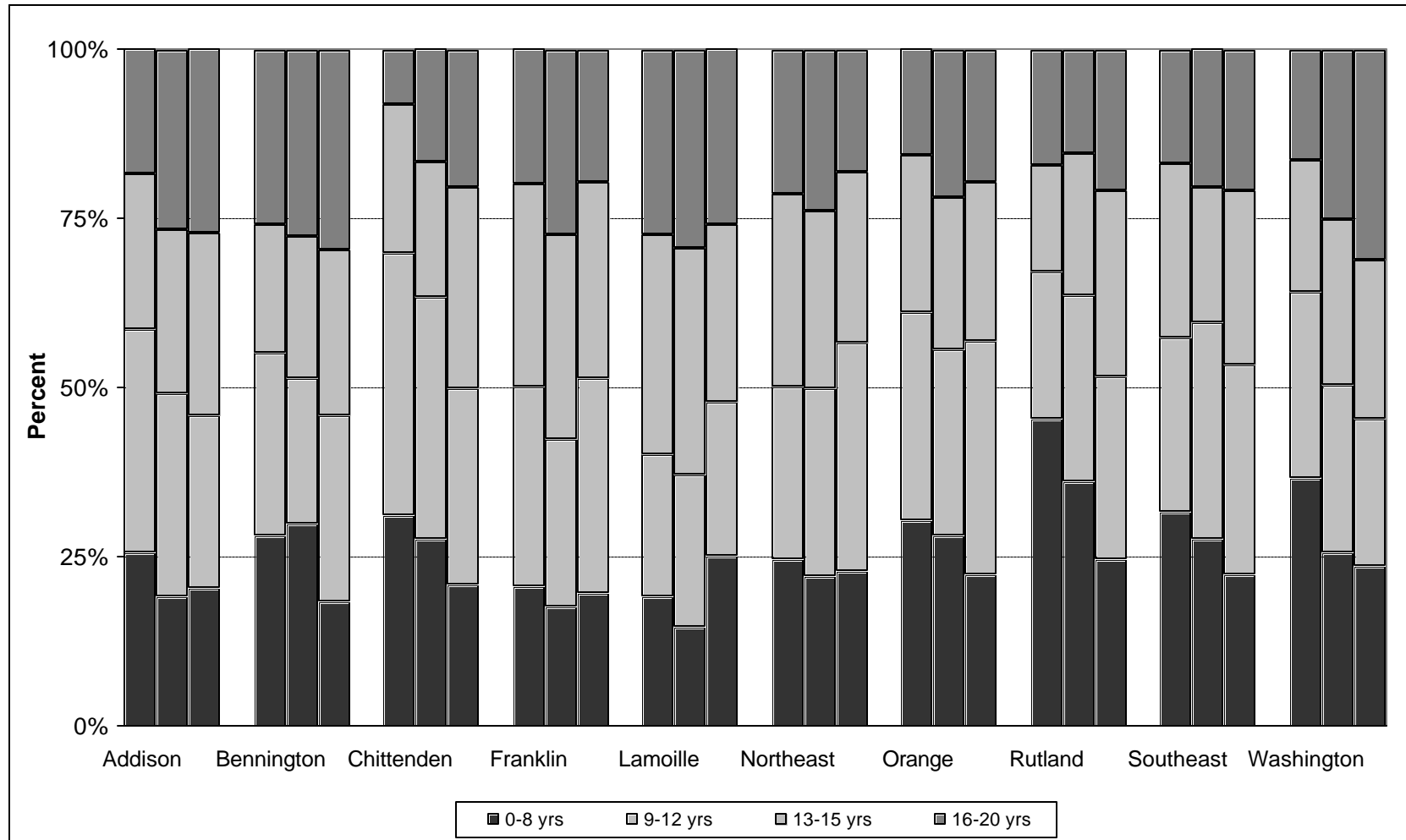
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	Total Clients	0-8 yrs old		9-12 yrs old		13-15 yrs old		16-20 yrs old	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
FY 1998	6,556	1,435	22%	1,931	29%	1,730	26%	1,460	18%
FY 1994	4,709	1,197	25%	1,348	29%	1,105	23%	1,059	22%
FY 1990	3,275	969	30%	928	28%	786	24%	592	22%

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